

Greenbelt Resident Williams Appointed to Delegate Seat

by Amy Hansen

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Greenbelter Nicole Williams was named the newest delegate to represent District 22 in the Maryland General Assembly by Governor Larry Hogan, who appointed her on Friday, November 15.

"I am confident that Nicole Williams will represent the citizens of Prince George's County admirably in her new role as state delegate," said Hogan. "I offer Ms. Williams my sincere congratulations and look forward to working with her in the upcoming legislative session."

Williams takes over the position vacated by Tawanna Gaines, who resigned and pleaded guilty



PHOTO COURTESY NICOLE WILLIAMS

Nicole Williams

to using campaign funds for personal expenses.

Williams, a real estate attorney

who has been a Greenbelt resident since 2013, was a candidate for Delegate in 2018. After many years of working for other candidates and working with political parties, she says she chose to run because the issues she wants to address are best worked out at the state level.

For the upcoming session, Williams says maglev and other transportation issues will be important. In addition, she is expecting to work on equity in education and the Kirwan Commission Report.

Stating that "Kirwan is going to be a huge topic this session," she then explained that the report deals with issues such as

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Cherry Trees Commemorate ERHS Connection with Japan

by Daniel M. Thies

East and West met at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) on Wednesday, November 13 at a celebration of cherry trees and Japanese culture. The students and staff of ERHS commemorated the planting of six cherry trees donated by All Nippon Airways (ANA), in collaboration with the National Cherry Blossom Festival (NCBF). This year marked 30 years that ERHS has been a part of a cultural exchange program with Japanese sister schools. Three Yoshino cherry trees are now growing alongside the entryway to the campus, and another three are near the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Frankfort Street. Though leafless now, they should be in full bloom next spring. More than the trees themselves, the planting ceremony had significance for the ERHS students, representatives from ANA and NCBF, and the Prince George's County Public School (PGCPS) staff.

For the students, this ceremony was an opportunity for the students to put their practice to the test and engage more deeply with the culture of Japan. One Eleanor Roosevelt student, Tiffany Song, performed the traditional piece "Sakura, Sakura" on a koto, a Japanese 13-string instrument; the song was later sung in Japanese by a group of Level 3 Japanese students dressed in



PHOTO BY DANIEL M. THIES

Two Eleanor Roosevelt High School students dressed in kimonos, Abigail Oluwatoni Aderinwale and Diante Gordon, guide guests to a tree planting ceremony at the school.

kimonos. The song was timely as the lyrics focus on the beauty and fragrance of the Sakura or cherry blossom. The event also brought back memories for students who had traveled to Japan through the exchange program.

Naohiro Terekawa, the vice president of ANA, said that he saw ANA's donation of the six cherry trees as continuing the legacy started by the 1912 donation of over 3,000 cherry trees from Tokyo to the District of Columbia. Terekawa presented a plaque to Principal Reginald McNeill to be posted near the trees, which reads that the trees are planted in honor of the friendship between the United States and Japan.

Considerable care was taken by ERHS and the NCBF Tree Planting Program to make sure that the

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43rd Greenbelt City Council Shares Goals, Gives Thanks

by Kathleen Gallagher

The 43rd City Council looks a lot like the 42nd City Council with a couple of big changes. At the November 5 election, incumbents Colin Byrd, Emmett Jordan, Judith Davis, Rodney Roberts, Leta Mach, Silke Pope and Edward Putens were all reelected to the council, with vote totals in that order, followed by candidate

Bill Orleans. Following tradition, council elected Byrd mayor and Jordan mayor pro tem, giving Greenbelt a new mayor and a new mayor pro tem.

All the candidates gathered at the Special Charter Meeting at which they would be sworn in on Monday, November 11, in the council room. The audience for

this event is always substantial, but this year, having a new mayor attracted more than the usual number of observers and elected officials from other jurisdictions.

Byrd's first term as mayor will be only his second term on the council. Jordan is now in his sixth term on council. He was first elected in 2009 and served two terms as mayor pro tem before being elected for three terms as mayor starting in 2013.

With the 2019 election, Davis has begun her 14th term on the council. She served eight terms as mayor, starting in 1997, followed by three terms as mayor pro tem beginning in 2013.

The election results move from being unofficial to official upon their presentation and certification to the council by City Clerk Bonita Anderson. Then begins the process of swearing in the new council, after which

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American Education Week 2019

Dr. Thornton Speaks on State Of the County School System

by Ivan Torres

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club held its monthly meeting on Friday at the Greenbriar Community Building. In honor of American Education Week, the club was joined by Alvin Thornton, Ph.D., the chair of the Prince George's County Board of Education.

Since 1974, Thornton has played a primary role in the development of enhanced Democratic progress institutions in Prince George's County by addressing education, political, cultural and economic issues affecting the county in weekly articles for the Prince George's Journal newspaper. During the meeting, Thornton spoke about the current state of the school system in the county.

"In the early 90s, politicians had way too much fun making fun of county's education rankings instead of doing anything to change them. That caused great



PHOTO BY IVAN TORRES

Alvin Thornton

pain for our children and our communities because that caused stereotyping based on where you were."

"Today, we are definitely doing a better job, regardless of party dynamics, to improve the education of our children but

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What Goes On

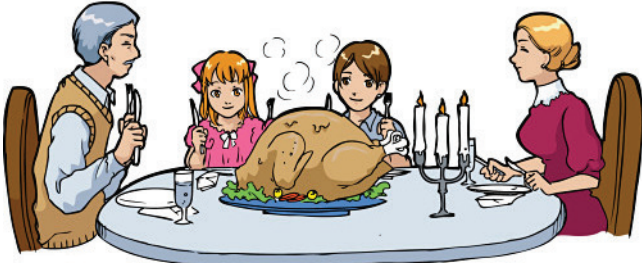
Saturday, November 23
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Census Solutions Workshop, Community Center, Room 202
Monday, November 25
8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Thursday, November 28
9 a.m. Gobble Wobble Fun Run, Youth Center
Thursday and Friday, November 28, 29
City Offices Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday



PHOTO BY MELISSA SITES

At the New Deal Café, Lydia Peters poses in front of her painting I'll Cry For You. See story, page 16.

Save Room for the News!



Happy Thanksgiving from the Greenbelt News Review staff

Letters to the Editor

Could the Co-op Buy Its Building?

I’ve been a Greenbelt Co-op member since the 1980s, but this November’s annual meeting is the first I’ve ever attended. Despite the great efforts of the roof replacement drive and solar installation project, which is projected to pay for itself and even contribute \$20,000 annually in savings, Co-op’s underlying grocery and pharmacy operations are bleeding cash.

One key reason may be the store’s lease. Current monthly rent is \$16,900, and the rent is scheduled to rise to \$18,590 in 2022 and to continue increasing by 10 percent every five years throughout its term, which extends to 2037. Co-op also has to pay the building’s insurance and taxes. According to Prince George’s County, annual property taxes in 2019 were \$33,952 in 2019, based on an assessment of \$1,965,633.

The lease also requires the Co-op to pay for all repairs to the facility, “including, but not limited to, the roof, foundation, interior and exterior walls, interior and exterior windows, interior and exterior doors, including locks and hardware, pipes, plumbing, water and sewer connections, and light fixtures...” Basically Co-op has to main-

tain and repair every part of the building; the landlord takes no responsibility. And at the end of the lease in 2037, despite Co-op maintaining the property and paying all the taxes, the landlord gets the property back.

One option might be to try to buy the building at its assessed value. A \$2 million mortgage at 4 percent for a 30-year term would have monthly payments of less than \$10,000 per month, much lower than the current rent. And the mortgage wouldn’t increase over time.

Would the landlord sell? Could an absentee landlord be required to sell to a nonprofit tenant at the assessed value? I don’t know. But I believe landlords who don’t maintain their properties should not get the benefit of the doubt in these sorts of cases, and Co-op, perhaps with the city and county’s help, should consider the idea.

Jeff Lemieux

Miles and Acres

Greg Johnson brings many salient points regarding the proposed Bureau of Engraving and Printing relocation to our neighboring Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. However, there was an arithmetic error in the

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Correction

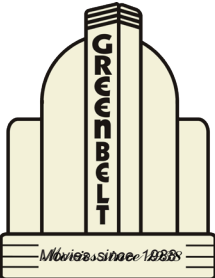
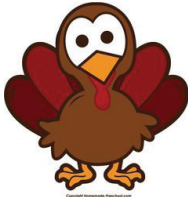
Concerning the story on the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative annual meeting in the November 14 issue of the News Review, the state funding is a grant that does not need to be repaid and a quote attributed to Bill Jones was said by Joe Timer.

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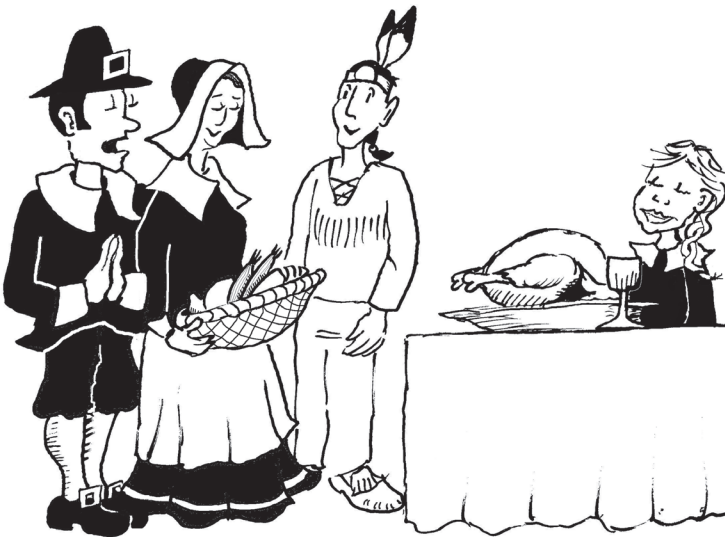
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Mon. 3:00, 7:00 PM
Tues. 3:00, 7:00 PM
Wed. 11:00, 3:00, 7:00 PM
Thurs. 3:00 PM

Storytime on Screen
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The Pop-Up
JOJO RABBIT (PG-13)
(DVS)(CC)(2019)(108 mins)
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Sat. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30 PM
Sun. 2:30(OC), 5:00, 7:30 PM
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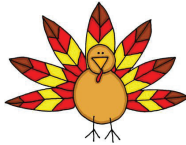


ABOVE ALL, WE'RE THANKFUL FOR THE SUCCESSFUL HARVEST WE PURCHASED AT THE FARMER'S MARKET.

- Pete Reppert
- News Review, November 27, 2014

Thanksgiving Week Deadline Changes

For the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 28, the News Review deadline for editorial and advertising will change to Monday, November 25. The Thanksgiving issue will be printed on Wednesday, November 27, for delivery on Friday.



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On Screen

The Irishman (Auditorium)

This biographical crime thriller from award-winning director Martin Scorsese follows Frank Sheeran (Robert DeNiro) as he recalls his past years working for the Bufalino crime family. Now older, the WWII veteran once again reflects on his most prolific hits and, in particular, considers his involvement with the disappearance of his good friend Jimmy Hoffa. Peter Howell of the Toronto Star praises the film as among Scorsese’s best: “It’s a cinematic tour de force in form and substance, representing late-career high points for director Scorsese and his lead actors Robert De Niro, Al Pacino and Joe Pesci.” Time magazine calls it “Masterful. A moving portrait of betrayal and regret.”

Rated R, running time: 210 minutes

Jojo Rabbit (Pop-Up)

Writer-director Taika Waititi (Thor: Ragnarok, Hunt for the Wilderpeople) brings his signature style of humor and pathos to his latest film, Jojo Rabbit, a World War II satire that follows a lonely German boy (Roman Griffin Davis) whose world view is turned upside down when he discovers his single mother (Scarlett Johansson) is hiding a young Jewish girl (Thomasin McKenzie) in their attic. Aided only by his idiotic imaginary friend, Adolf Hitler (Taika Waititi), Jojo must confront his blind nationalism. “In the uncomfortably funny, unapologetically insensitive, cheerfully outrageous Jojo Rabbit, writer-director Waititi delivers a timely, anti-hate fractured fairy tale,” says Richard Roeper in the Chicago Sun Times.

Rated PG-13, running time: 108 minutes

- Sandy Rodgers

Community Events

Greenbelt Library Temporary Closing

Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) will be installing new shelving and carpeting to improve the customer experience at the Greenbelt Library. In order to ensure a speedy and safe improvement process, PGCMLS will temporarily close the branch from Monday, November 25 through Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

During this period, the library hopes customers will visit nearby branches, such as those in New Carrollton and Beltsville, for their various library needs. Be advised that the Passport Acceptance Service will also be suspended during the closure, so applicants should consider visiting the New Carrollton Branch Library for this service. Online catalog access and all eLibrary resources will remain available to library customers outside the branch via the internet without interruption. The book drop will remain accessible for returning items during the closure as regular due dates still apply to all items borrowed by patrons.

In addition, the library has temporarily stopped accepting donations for the Novel Endings bookstore until the branch reopens. Donations may continue to be dropped off any time into the Discover Books receptacle outside the lower level (parking lot) entrance.

At this time, patrons can no longer request items of any kind for pickup at the library. The last opportunity to retrieve items on hold at the library will be Saturday, November 23. Patrons who have not claimed items by that date will be contacted about picking them up from another branch.

All PGCMLS branches that are open for service will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. All branches will remain closed on Thursday, November 28. Branches other than Greenbelt will reopen on Friday, November 29, according to regular branch schedules.

For more information, go to pgcmls.info for access to a number of services and to view the full calendar of events. For automated phone renewal, call 301-333-3111. The PGCMLS mobile app is also available from the Apple App and Google Play stores for your iOS and Android mobile devices.

Thanksgiving Service Change of Venue

All are welcome to the Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service, which will now be held on Wednesday, November 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mishkan Torah Synagogue.

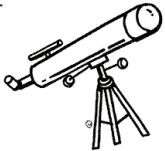
A freewill offering will be welcomed for the benefit of the Greenbelt Emergency Relief Fund. Checks should be made out to City of Greenbelt, with the memo line saying Emergency Relief Fund.

PGC Public Schools Thanksgiving Closing

All Prince George’s County Public Schools will be closed Wednesday, November 27 through Friday, November 29 for Thanksgiving.

Astronomical Society

Thinking of buying a telescope for yourself or someone else? Come to the next meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt, where club members will discuss their experience with different telescopes and offer advice. The meeting is in Room 114 of the Community Center at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday November 21. All are welcome.



Springhill Lake Family Activities

Every Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. through December 15 there are group games and drop-in gym time for families at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Free Women Heart Support Group

On Tuesday, November 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Doctors Community Hospital, 8100 Good Luck Road, North Building, 5th Floor, DSE room will hold a free heart support group. Join heart disease experts who provide educational information to women while encouraging them to make well-educated and heart-healthy decisions. For more information and to register call 301-552-8058 or visit DCHrehab.org.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of November 25 are as follows:

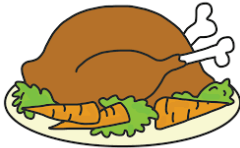
Monday, November 25: creamy tikka chicken, parslid rice, garlic Parmesan, cauliflower, naan bread, mandarin oranges, apple juice

Tuesday, November 26: seafood creole, brown rice, stewed okra, biscuit, fresh fruit, cranberry juice

Wednesday, November 27: sliced turkey with gravy, bread dressing, whipped potatoes, French green beans, ambrosia, cranberry sauce packet, sweet potato pie, cranberry juice

Thursday, November 28: Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 29: Closed.



ERHS Grad Night Hams It Up

Just in time for holiday dinners, purchase a gift card for a delicious Honey Baked Ham and the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Grad Night Committee will receive 20 percent of the sale.

Go to the URL below to purchase plastic or electronic gift cards, which can be used to shop online or in-store at any Honey Baked Ham store. With locations nationwide, the store’s gift cards make wonderful gifts for friends and family around the country.

The fundraiser runs from now until December 20, covering the full holiday season. For more information, visit honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/erhs.

Helping One Another Through GIVES

Do you know about GIVES? The name stands for Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service. The goal is to help one another. If you would like to have a way to be helpful to others – giving a ride, helping with yard work occasionally, assisting with a sewing project – we can lead you to people who need help now and then.

Come to the GIVES quarterly meeting on Saturday, December 14 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center. Learn how to receive assistance when you need it and to give assistance to others who need it from time to time. Meet with people who have found this organization a rewarding part of living in Greenbelt.

Silent Meditation Nurtures Peace

A meditation group meets on Tuesdays at the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. This gathering is a time to pray for oneself, others and the world in silence. It nurtures inner and outer peace. It reinforces the oneness of all people and creation.

The format for this group is: introductions, 30 minutes of silence and then some sharing. All are welcome to attend, regardless of one’s belief system. For more information, contact Patience Robbins at patience.robbins@gmail.com.

Annual Thanksgiving Choir Needs Singers

The Greenbelt Combined Choir will be singing at the Annual Greenbelt Interdenominational Thanksgiving Service. The service will be held at Mishkan Torah Synagogue on Wednesday, November 27 at 7:30 p.m. Rehearsals for the choir will be on Thursday, November 21 and on Monday, November 25. Both rehearsals will be held at the Greenbelt Community Church at 7:30 p.m. All singers are invited to participate – experienced or inexperienced. Anyone who enjoys singing can join this special Greenbelt celebration of Thanksgiving. For further information, call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

Gobble Wobble

Spend Thanksgiving morning with Greenbelt Recreation as they host their 14th Gobble Wobble 5k-race (roughly two laps). There will be an additional one-lap fun run/walk around the lake path. The event will start at the Greenbelt Youth Center on Thursday, November 28 at 9 a.m. Registrants will receive a Gobble Wobble shirt. For more information and to register visit greenbeltdm.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/272/.

GVFD Hosts Indoor Yard Sale on Nov 23

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department is once again hosting an Indoor Community Yard Sale on November 23 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Come on down to see what treasures friends and neighbors are selling at bargain prices. Refreshments will be available for sale. Rain or shine, come join the fun. The firehouse and sale are handicapped accessible. There are still tables available to rent. See the classified ad, page 14.

Storytime on Screen

Bring a baby, toddler or preschooler (ages newborn to 5) to the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Monday, November 25 at 10:30 a.m. to listen to a story read from the big screen, see a short film and complete a craft. Popcorn will be provided. No registration required.



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8 am	Democracy Now!
9 am	GATe Classic Film: To Kill a Mockingbird (1962) Made possible by a grant from Maria's Beauty Shop
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Obituaries

Debra Corsetti



Debbie Ann Corsetti

Debra “Debbie” Ann Carpenter Corsetti of Greenbelt and College Park died on November 9, 2019, in her home surrounded by her family. She was 53.

Debbie was born on October 14, 1966, in Tachikawa U.S. Air Force Base in Japan. She grew up in Riverdale and graduated from Parkdale High School in 1984. She went on to attend community college followed by business school. She was dedicated to her work with Bognet Construction alongside owner and longtime friend, Jim Bognet.

Debbie showed her strength during her illness with the support of her family and friends. She was an amazing daughter, mother, sister, wife and friend. Her motto was Family First. Those who met her instantly fell in love, and she had many close friends. Debbie enjoyed cooking and scrap-booking with friends and traveling to tropical places. The beach was her happy place. She grew up bowling with family and friends. As an avid Redskins fan, it was a guarantee, that on the weekend, Debbie would be in her Redskins attire.

Debbie is survived by her husband, Brian Rice of Frederick; daughters Samantha (Corsetti) Harris (Brian), Haley Rice, Lindsey Rice and Kayla Mericle; and granddaughters Riley and Sara. Debbie is also survived by her mother, Dorothy (Bartera) Chipman, brothers Robert (Lori) Carpenter and Jimmy (Rose) Carpenter, sister Judy Quinn, niece Amanda and nephew Hunter. Her father, Vance Carpenter, and her stepfather, Don Chipman, preceded her in death.

In Memoriam

G. Joseph Bradley, My Grandpa

by John Papp

My grandpa loved the outdoors. The famed Buddy Attick himself found him exploring the wilds of Greenbelt Lake alone as a youngster. He hiked the Grand Canyon with my great uncle. I know these things because my mom told me they were so. He also loved Pizza Hut and the hunt to find the perfect Christmas tree.

I know these things because I lived this tradition myself. Since I was a child my grandpa led the charge to scope out and saw down the finest pine specimen from an area Christmas tree farm. Our standards were high and the temperatures were low. It was not an exact science finding that one of a kind tree. It was something you felt in your gut. Once we accomplished our mission we decamped to a local Pizza Hut

for lunch and a rehashing of the day’s tree tribulations.

Since my grandpa’s passing I’ve come to understand more deeply how a person’s essence, both recounted and experienced, can influence someone else. They say the past is never really past. That Pizza Hut from my childhood is long gone but the annual Christmas tree farm pilgrimage continues. Without question there is sadness. But there is also something else; a love for what was and a hope for what is to come. It’s something I feel in my gut.

John Papp is the grandson of G. Joseph Bradley. The obituary for G. Joseph Bradley was published in the October 31, 2019 issue of the News Review.



Our condolences to the family and friends of Debbie Corsetti who died on November 9. A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 16, at Gasch’s Funeral Home.

Condolences to the Norden and Wertz families on the death of their father, grandfather and great-grandfather Thomas Ball, who died on October 17.

Congratulations to the Greenbelt students who attend Glenarden Woods Elementary School. The school earned the prestigious honor of being named a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School for academic excellence. Glenarden Woods serves nearly 500 students and offers a Talented and Gifted program that emphasizes science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM).

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Letters continued

letter that I feel should be addressed.

Mr. Johnson states that a 100-acre parcel is a mile and a half square. A square mile contains 640 acres, so a 100-acre parcel is significantly smaller than one square mile. The phrase “a mile and a half square” corresponds to a square that is 1.5 miles on each side, has a total area of 1.5 miles times 1.5 miles or 2.25 square miles or 1,440 acres. Smaller square with a total area of 1.5 square miles contains 960 acres.

A square containing the government published figure of 100 acres (corresponding to 0.15625 square miles) would have sides

of approximate length 0.395 miles, or a bit more than 2087 feet for each side.

Gary Fleming

Let’s All Do the Math

If by “A 100-acre parcel is a mile and a half square,” letter-writer Greg Johnson means that it would be 1.5 miles on a side, he’s incorrect. That would be 1,440 acres. A square 100-acre parcel would be about 2,100 feet on a side or just under 0.4 miles. By comparison, the footprint of Greenbelt Lake (when it’s full, that is) is about 27 acres.

Kevin W. Parker

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

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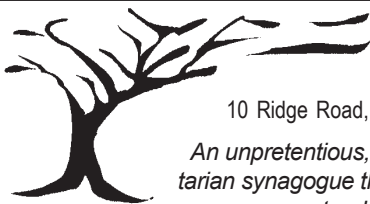
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Exhibits at Montpelier

The Prince George’s County Juried Exhibition, Reflections of Self, started November 2 and will continue through December 31 at the Montpelier Arts Center, 9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel.

Throughout time, artists have been skilled practitioners of self-reflection and introspection by constantly developing and analyzing a growing awareness of their self. This year’s county-juried exhibition highlights the variety of artistic thought processes and ideas artists use to create solutions to their own struggles with self-reflection.

From November 7 to December 31. With subdued colors and layers of texture, Tinam Valk explores land and seascapes. The mixed media paintings depict ambivalent situations that utilize modeling paste, soil, leaves and acrylic paint on canvas and take the viewer on an emotional journey through history.

From November 7 to 24. Sahomi Naka is a printmaker who mixes new and traditional techniques to create a safe and healthy printmaking process. Naka allows the materials to help her create the image; she collaborates with the medium rather than trying to force it towards unnatural perfection. Her prints capture fleeting moments of life and nature and portray the beauty of people and the world.

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On Saturday, November 23 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. enjoy an autumn bicycle ride at Patuxent Refuge North Tract while experiencing the beauty of the natural area’s local wildlife, plants and historical sites. Learn the importance of reducing footprints and leaving no trace on this 12-mile guided bicycle ride. Bring a bike, snack, water bottle and helmet. Ride is weather-dependent. This program is for all ages.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free, although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. The North Tract is located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32. For more information about the refuge visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent.

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City Information & Events

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Building, Monday, November 25, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION
Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS
Presentations
Petitions and Requests
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
*** Minutes of Council Meeting**
Administrative Reports
*** Committee Reports**

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS
- Award of Purchase - Dump Truck
- Letter of Support - County Library System Archivist
- 2020 Legislative Program
- National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program
- City Participation in a Opioid Lawsuit
- Federal legislation — Surprise Medical Billing
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- *Employee Special Holiday
- *Letter of Support - Restore our Parks & Public Lands Legislation
- * Letter to State Highway Administration-Street Light at Hanover Parkway & MD 193 and Highway Widening Proposals
- * Request for Qualifications for Legal Services related to Maglev
- *Resignation from Advisory Group
- * Appointment to Advisory Board

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail banderson@greenbeltnmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 25-29

Monday, November 25 at 8:00pm **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road *Live on Comcast 71 and 996, Verizon 21 and Streaming at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv*

Tuesday, November 26 at 7:30pm **Green ACES** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road *On the Agenda: NRP Multifamily Development Proposal - Capital Office Park (Detailed Site Plan)and Updates from Sustainability Framework / Green Team Circles.*
This schedule is subject to change.
For meeting confirmation please call 301-474-8000.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee
For more information: 301-474-8000

GREENBELT FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING WITH SANTA
Roosevelt Center, Friday, December 6, 7:00pm, FREE

DECO THE HALLS AT THE GREENBELT MUSEUM HOUSE
Friday, December 6, 7:00pm-9:00pm, FREE

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS JURIED ART AND CRAFT FAIR
Greenbelt Community Center, Saturday, December 7, 10:00am-5:00pm and Sunday, December 8, 10:00am-4:00pm
• FREE all-ages craft workshop: 1:00pm-3:00pm
• Artists’ studio open house and sale: 1:00pm-4:00pm

GREENBELT FARMERS MARKET – OUTDOOR HOLIDAY MARKET Sunday, December 8, 10:00am-2:00pm Behind the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

SANTA’S VISIT **Ages Pre-K+**
Saturday, December 7, 10:00am-12:00pm
Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway
All children will receive a FREE picture with Santa!

ELVES’ WORKSHOP 139502-1 **Ages 6-12**
Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway Pre-Register 301-397-2200
Saturday, December 7, 1:30pm-3:30pm; \$10 per person

NORTH POLE CALLING
Tuesday, December 10 - Thursday, December 12, 6:00pm-7:30pm
Ages pre-school through second grade – FREE
Complete the informational flyer available online and throughout City facilities for your child’s opportunity to chat.

GREENBELT CONCERT BAND HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONCERT
Monday, December 9, 7:00pm at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Gym FREE
Greenbelt Dance Studio: THE NEW DEAL NUT: A Greenbelt Nutcracker
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, 301-397-2208
Saturday, December 14, 3:00pm
Sunday, December 15, 11:00am and 3:00pm

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2019 GOBBLE WOBBLE

Date: Thursday, November 28
Time: 9:00AM
Race-day registration begins at 8:00am.

Location: Greenbelt Youth Center

Entry Fees
• **Pre-registration**
• **Individual - \$15**
• **Family 4-pack - \$50**
• **Day of Race**
• **Individual - \$20**
• **Family 4-pack - \$70**

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Join us on Thanksgiving morning for the Gobble Wobble Family Fun Run & Walk. Participants meet at the Greenbelt Youth Center and the course takes them on the Buddy Attick Park lake path. Join your family, friends, and neighbors in this community tradition and get some exercise before your Thanksgiving feast.

- Participants receive a Gobble Wobble shirt.
- Medals for top male and female finishers.
- Medals for youth participants.

For more information contact:
Andrew Phelan
Recreation Coordinator
240-542-2194
aphelan@greenbeltnmd.gov

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Greenbelt, MD 20770

*Make checks payable to "City of Greenbelt."
*Forms may also be submitted at the Greenbelt Youth Center Business Office.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY AND SIGN.
INSURANCE: I hereby inform the City of Greenbelt and Greenbelt Recreation that I will assume any and all medical insurance coverage for the named participants, and that said coverage shall be adequate to cover any and all possible accidents or injuries to the above named participant(s) received during any phase of this program.
RELEASE: I hereby release and agree to hold harmless the City of Greenbelt and Greenbelt Recreation, its employees, volunteers, coaches and other participants from any act of commission or omission which may result in any personal injury or property damage arising out of the above named participant's participation in this program. I further agree to save harmless the City of Greenbelt and Greenbelt Recreation, its employees, volunteers, coaches and other participants from all losses, costs and expenses (including attorney's fees and court costs), settlement payment (whether or not reduced final judgment) and all liabilities, damages and fines paid, incurred, or suffered by the City of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Recreation by reason of, or arising out of injuries to persons (including death) or property damage caused by or attributed to the above named participant's participation in this program.

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
City Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE
Week of November 25
Monday Route – Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule
Tuesday Route - Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule
Wednesday Route – Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule
Thursday Route – Refuse collected on Wednesday – No Recycling Collection
There will be no appliance/metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, November 29

Census Solutions Workshop
Saturday, November 23rd from 11am-12:30pm
Greenbelt Community Center, Room 202

Please join us for a Census Solutions Workshop and share your ideas on ways to ensure a complete count.

The goal of the workshop is to inform participants about the importance of the Census, forge new collaborations, and identify new and innovative ways for reaching hard-to-count populations.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Molly Porter at mporter@greenbeltnmd.gov or 240-542-2042

This holiday season, consider making a Charitable Donation to City of Greenbelt’s Agency Funds

Consider donating at this time of year to the Agency Funds, which helps our neighbors in need. Agency Funds are managed but not financed by the City. All donations to the funds are used for the listed charitable purposes. Donation areas include the following:

The Recreation Department: funds used to support camp scholarships and special events.

The Good Samaritan Fund: funds provide for out-of-town persons stranded in Greenbelt and monies for groceries for low income families with whom CARES is working.

Emergency Assistance Fund: funds assist Greenbelt residents at-risk of eviction.

Advisory Committee on Education (ACE): funds initiatives such as ACE scholarships.

The Greenbelt Theater: funds help keep the theater open.

Checks may be made payable to the City of Greenbelt. Donors may direct their donation toward one or more of the agency funds. Donations are tax deductible and upon request a letter acknowledging your gift will be issued.

Thank you to all residents who have contributed in years past. Happy Holidays!

The Phantom Tollbooth Play Opens at GAC, November 29

by Anne Gardner

Greenbelt Arts Center will present The Phantom Tollbooth, opening the day after Thanksgiving. In this play, the beloved children's fantasy adventure comes to life as Milo and the faithful watchdog Tock travel to the Lands Beyond.

Ten-year-old Milo is bored one afternoon, when a tollbooth mysteriously arrives in his room. Traveling in his toy car, Milo arrives in Dictionopolis to discover that King Azaz the Unabridged is at war with the Mathemagician of Digitopolis over whether words or numbers are more important. Joined by Tock and the Humbug, he resolves to rescue Princess Sweet Rhyme and Princess Pure Reason from the Castle-in-the-Air to restore peace to the land. But the castle is guarded by ferocious demons, and he will need all his ingenuity, plus the help of his

friends, to succeed.

The play will appeal to all ages, with its fast action and amusing wordplay. Many Greenbelt residents are involved on- and off-stage in the production, including Jon Gardner (director), Ronda Ansted (producer), Anne Gardner (stage manager), Aureenna Komisar (props designer), Lucy Dirksen and Tatiana Ausema (set painters) and cast members Findley Holland (Tock), Aref Dajani (Humbug), Sophie Cooper (Spelling Bee), Penny Martin, Linden Dirksen and Calista Ausema.

Shows run from Friday, November 29 to December 15, with performances on Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. For reservations or more information call 301-441-8770, or visit greenbeltartscenter.org.



The watchdog Tock (left, Findley Holland) accompanies Milo (Harper Chadwick) on a quest to rescue the princesses Sweet Rhyme and Pure Reason in The Phantom Tollbooth.

- Photos by Anne Gardner



King Azaz of Dictionopolis (Dave Buckingham) and the Mathemagician (Wes Dennis) have a disagreement in The Phantom Tollbooth.



During Library Closure, Take Bus or Rail to Another Branch

by Deanna Dawson

On Monday, November 25, the Greenbelt Library will close for two months while new carpet and shelves are installed. Dismayed library users may be heartened to know that two other branch libraries can be reached from Greenbelt on public transportation. They may spot some familiar faces as Greenbelt Library staff are being assigned to work at other branches during the closure.

New Carrollton

The Bus Route 16, which runs between the Greenbelt and New Carrollton Metro Stations, has a stop next to the New Carrollton Library on Lamont Drive, just north of Riverdale Road. This route is convenient to many residents of both Greenbelt West and East. From the Greenbelt station, the 16 Bus travels through the Franklin Park community then into Berwyn Heights, along Greenbelt Road to Hanover Parkway to Doctors Community Hospital before heading under the Beltway and toward the New Carrollton station. Residents of Greenbelt Center can connect to the 16 Bus via the Route 11 Bus or G12 Metrobus at stops these buses share at Greenway Center or along Hanover Parkway.

The 16 Bus, like other Prince George's County buses, runs only on weekdays at roughly 30-minute intervals. Riders should consult the schedule, available at princegeorgescountymd.gov/1122/Maps-Schedules as a downloadable pdf (hint: use Internet Explorer if the pdf doesn't open in Google Chrome) or a real-time map for the approximate arrival times at each stop. Note that the stops by the New Carrollton Library do not have a bench or shelter. Rides on The Bus are free for those age 18 and younger or 60 and older, and for individuals with disabilities or on Medi-

care. For others the fare is \$1.25, which can be paid with a Metro SmarTrip card or with cash.

The New Carrollton Library has recently been renovated and is spacious and bright, with low shelves and lots of windows. There is a café with vending machines and tables near the entrance. There also are more than 60 computers available for use by patrons who want to access the internet or use the library's online resources. Only about half of the computers were being used when this reporter visited the library late Friday afternoon. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Hyattsville

There are no bus stops next to the Hyattsville Library, but it can be reached via a 10-minute walk from the Prince George's Plaza Metro Station. From the station head out to East-West Highway and cross either on the pedestrian overpass (not recommended) or at the stoplight on Belcrest Road.

Walk north on Belcrest, turning right on Freedom Way just beyond a Prince George's Community College building. The library is on the north side of this street on the lower level of a building located across America Boulevard from the Royale 14 theaters.

The Hyattsville Library is in temporary quarters while the library is being rebuilt (at its original location on Adelphi Road), so space and facilities are limited. There are about 30 computers available for patrons, all of which were in use late Monday afternoon, and only a few WiFi spots and tables. The book collection is relatively small, and resources from the library's Maryland collection are in storage or held at other locations. Open hours are the same as New Carrollton's except for a 6 p.m. closure on Thursdays.

For activities at these libraries, check the Prince George's County Memorial System website at pgcmls.info or call the libraries directly at 301-459-6900 (New Carrollton) or 301-985-4690 (Hyattsville).



PHOTO BY ALBERTO GARCIA

A large buck relaxes on a sunny mid-November day outside a backyard on Southway.

UMD Gamer Orchestra Gives Free Concert

The Gamer Symphony Orchestra fall 2019 concert will take place on Sunday, November 24 at 7 p.m. at the Dekelboun Concert Hall of The Clarice.

The Gamer Symphony Orchestra is the first collegiate ensemble exclusively devoted to performing orchestral arrangements of video game music and using that music as an educational tool. All arrangements are created by GSO members and alumni. This semester our selections include pieces from Pokemon, Mario, Zelda, Kingdom Hearts, Fire Emblem and much more.



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Immersion Discussion Edges Out Boundary Issues in Hearing

by Callie Tansill-Suddath

The crowd was sparse during the Prince George’s County Board of Education’s public hearing on November 12. While three items were on the agenda, one – the start of a Spanish immersion program in a county middle school – received the most attention from attendees. Boundary adjustments that would significantly impact Greenbelt students, including sending Greenbelt Station students to Eleanor Roosevelt High School, were hardly discussed, nor were any decisions about Greenbelt boundaries reached. The Board of Education will vote on the boundary issues during their November 21 meeting.

There are three elements to the proposed boundary and structural changes for the 2021 school year.

The first would create a Spanish immersion program at Kettering Middle School for continuity with the existing immersion programs at four county elementary schools. A Chinese immersion program will be started at Greenbelt Middle School. Sixth graders enrolled in the Chinese immersion program at Paint Branch Elementary School could advance to this new middle school program.

The second proposed change is to make boundary adjustments to streamline feeder patterns. Under the proposed plan, students from the Greenbelt Station community would attend Greenbelt Elementary School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School, and Paint Branch Elementary students that would currently feed into Hyattsville Middle School would instead advance to Greenbelt Middle School.

The third goal is to continue

a systemwide initiative to include sixth grade in middle school.

There were no comments from the public about this issue.

The proposed changes to the Spanish immersion program drew the most discussion. A number of current elementary school students and their parents spoke directly to members of the Board of Education, expressing their support for continuing the Spanish immersion program through middle school.

Cameron Nickens, a second grader in the Spanish immersion program at Overlook Elementary School, said, “My favorite class is science, and I hope to continue to learn about science and other subjects in Spanish in middle school. I am also excited that I may get to learn another language when I am in middle school.”

Bethany Castro, a parent of a student in Cesar Chavez Dual Language Immersion School in Hyattsville, expressed both gratitude and concern about the plan to expand the immersion program to middle school. Through an interpreter, Castro said, “I’m really grateful that you are thinking about starting a middle school program. At the same time, I feel really heartbroken that the school [Kettering] will be too far away for [my child] to stay in the multicultural environment. We have to think about a community where they don’t have transportation or the means or funds to have transportation to get to the school. Most of our community and most of our neighbors, they rely on public transportation to get around.”

The meeting concluded after roughly 30 minutes.

2019 Festival Art & Craft Fair Showcases Work of Local Artists

by Nicole DeWald

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program’s 2019 Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair promises an impressive array of hand-made wares by local artisans, plus a hands-on workshop, prize drawing, live music, open studios and more. This free event takes place at the Community Center on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Art and Craft Fair will showcase the talents of about 75 regional artists, artisans and authors. Visitors will find beautiful and useful gifts for all occasions. A wide selection of functional pottery and ceramic art will be presented by the Center’s artists in residence, instructors, Greenbelt Pottery Group members (GPG) and other participants in the Recreation Department’s robust ceramics program. GPG will host an in-studio sale on the third floor throughout the weekend as well as a booth in the gym. Additional wares will include clothing, accessories, jewelry, toys, paintings, prints, housewares, bath and body products, edible goods and books.

New artists joining the show this year include Tom Snyder of Francis Marion designs, who creates one of a kind jewelry combining wood and eco-friendly resin. The Green Guild of Cheverly offers aprons, trivets, reusable wax food wraps and other housewares made with sustainable materials and promoting green practices in the home.

Greenbelt residents participating in the show will include Damien Ossi and his associates with the DC Spoon and Wood-ware Carvers who produce elegant, timeless kitchen tools carved from greenwood in the Swedish tradition. Seamstress Lauren Rankel of 42nd and Orange creates stylish modern clothing and supplies for babies, plus contemporary quilts, art prints and other home décor. Leah Cohen and her daughter Dinah are wizards when it comes to repurposing old sweaters; trading as Rutabaga Dry Goods, they offer a cozy assortment of wool and cashmere hats and mittens, some with embroidered designs, plus upcycled dog coats and sweaters. Additional Greenbelters participating in the show include potters Lola Skolnik and Gina Denn, fused glass artist Tina Van Pelt and author Christine Doran with her trilogy of adventure novels set in Ireland for readers ages 9 to 12 (and up).

Three nonprofit organizations will enable shoppers to extend their holiday cheer to the broader community. Gift cards, memberships, mugs and T-shirts will be available from Friends of Greenbelt Theatre. Friends of the Greenbelt Museum will offer an array of wares with vintage flair in addition to museum memberships. The Greenbelt Arts Center will operate a café during all fair hours, with vegetarian options available.

On Saturday, December 7, enjoy live gypsy jazz while you shop with the Hot Club of DC. The band will perform from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on the gym stage.

Special activities on Sunday will include a free craft workshop



A young shopper visits the booth of fiber artist Lucie Pentz.



Upcycled children’s mittens by Leah Cohen

from 1 to 3 p.m. in which guests of all ages can make luminous, sun-catching art with instructor Aaron Springer. From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., enjoy bluegrass music while you shop with Big Howdy. From 1 to 4 p.m., there will be a studio open house and sale with the Community Center’s artists in residence on the third floor.

The Art and Craft Fair does not currently have any openings

for additional vendors. Local artisans and authors are welcome to apply online for consideration as an alternate in case a space becomes available. Application links are provided at greenbeltmd.gov/arts. For more arts program information, follow Greenbelt Recreation ARTS on Facebook or call 301-397-2208.

Nicole DeWald is the arts supervisor for Greenbelt Recreation.



Albino squirrel near National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

- Photos by Charles Jackman



Albino pigeon at Buddy Attick Park

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American Education Week 2019: My Perspective

Suggestions for Improving Maryland Public Education

by Jerome Dancis

This list of seven suggestions is similar to the author’s presentation to the Kirwan Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education in Maryland at its October 25, 2017 hearing. The author gave this list to Dr. Alvin Thornton, chair of the Prince George’s County Board of Education, when he spoke at the recent Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club meeting. A version of it, with additional information and examples, was reprinted by the Nonpartisan Education Review at nonpartisaneducation.org/Review/Resources/DancisKirwanTestimony.pdf.

Recommendation 1: Schools in poor neighborhoods could have a school pediatrician, dentist and psychological counselor in addition to a nurse. A student with a toothache or an illness, or who cannot see the classroom board clearly is a student who is not ready to learn. Maryland State Delegate Angela M. Angel recommends behavior therapy for students with ADHD. Medicaid might fund some of this. Community schools may choose to implement this recommendation and more under the Kirwan Commission Report (if enough money is raised). All other recommendations in this list fall outside the Kirwan Commission Report.

Recommendation 2: Only students who exceed the expectations on the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Math 7 exam will skip Math 8

and take Algebra I in the eighth grade. For example, 9,000 (43 percent) of Grade 8 Algebra I students were not proficient on the 2017 state Algebra I exam. But, students studying Algebra in the eighth grade are supposed to be exceptionally good ones. Also, 8,000 students scored less than proficient on the 2016-2017 exam. This suggests social promotion into Grade 8 Algebra.

Recommendation 3: Intervention is needed for the almost four out of five (78 percent) ninth grade Algebra I students who scored less than proficient on the PARCC Math 8 exam. They will study Algebra over two years (Algebra I Part I, which will largely be Arithmetic and Algebra I Part II). They will study Arithmetic in a second Math class simultaneously with ninth grade Algebra I.

Recommendation 4: Middle and high schools should start at 9 a.m. at the earliest. Science says that teenagers are not ready to learn at 8 a.m.; they are ready to sleep in class. High schools opening at 8 a.m. give to students a message that they do not believe in science.

Recommendation 5: Fill in the loopholes in the Common Core middle school math curriculum. For example, if the state wants high school students to know that 50 percent is one half, the state needs to add it to the middle school math curriculum. Knowing that 50 percent is one half is one of my suggestions to the Common Core math writing team

that they did not accept. Further, if the state wants high school students to learn how to do the many arithmetic problems on the Math SAT, the state needs to add Math SAT arithmetic problems to the middle school math curriculum. Teaching the Common Core math curriculum is not sufficient.

Recommendation 6: Raise the standards on the teacher licensing tests so that passing the tests will ensure that all teachers are knowledgeable in the subjects listed on their licenses. If the state wants all classes to be taught by a teacher knowledgeable in the subject, then the state needs more demanding teacher licensing test and requirements to ensure this. If the state wants all teachers to write and speak coherently, clearly, comprehensively, logically, accurately and precisely without being cryptic, vague, ambiguous or obscure, then the state needs to add teacher licensing tests that will require this.

Recommendation 7: Provide good textbooks. For the elementary grades, use the Singapore Math textbooks which were written in simple English for Singapore students for whom English was not their native language.

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City Notes

Animal Control investigated an animal bite and assisted a resident with a deceased dog. A stray dog, a stray cat and a stray sick kitten were impounded. One hamster and one cat were adopted. Six hamsters, eight kittens, two cats and two dogs are being sheltered.

Planning and Community Development met with developers about a proposed multifamily residential development next to the federal courthouse.

Public Works met with contractors regarding solar farm planning.

Horticulture/Parks removed two hazardous trees, one at a playground, the other on the lake path.

Refuse/Recycling collected 28.70 tons of refuse and 14.82 tons of recyclable material.

The Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center opened for afternoon activities on Veterans Day.

Mom’s Morning Out students enjoyed Veterans Day and Thanksgiving holiday art and stories.

The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center is collecting donations for area food pantries through November 25.

The Community Center hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive.

Senior Nutrition served 74 hot lunches the week ending November 15.

Judye Hering of Greenbelt CARES described duties and qualifications for future teachers at Career Day at Greenbelt Elementary School. CARES Teresa Smithson led a discussion on substance abuse for Girl Scout Troop 23007.

Utopia Film Festival Short Films Covered Many Topics

by Ivan Torres

The 15th annual Utopia Film Festival kicked off Saturday at the Old Greenbelt Theatre and Greenbelt Arts Center bringing in filmmakers from across the country.

The short films in the Festival covered a wide range of topics such as American politics, LGBT in Russia, love in New York and messages in a bottle.

Four Points, produced by Cadell Cook, encompassed the idea of solidarity and togetherness that the American political system desperately lacks. Four strangers came together in a room and were asked controversial questions and if they all agreed, they won money. They all left empty-

handed. “This was about a desire to get people to respect different opinions instead of treating it like the enemy. Some topics are divisive and you will not get people to agree because they have good reason to believe what they believe,” said Cook.

Another film gave a deeper look into Clint Buffington who is known as a message-in-a-bottle hunter. Buffington would go to the beach and search for messages inside bottles and would try to track down the creator of the message. “Clint gets a lot of media attention but I felt that no one got the bigger picture of what he was actually doing,” stated the producer Nick Natalicchio.



Posters from films shown at the Utopia Film Festival 2019

Film About Francis Perkins, A Woman in FDR's Cabinet

by Deanna Dawson

A capacity crowd filled The Pop-up at Old Greenbelt Theatre on October 27 for a free screening of a new film on Frances Perkins, the first woman to serve on a U.S. presidential cabinet. The film, Summoned: Frances Perkins and the General Welfare, chronicles the life and career of Perkins, who was appointed as Secretary of Labor by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1933 and served until Roosevelt’s death in 1945.

Perkins worked to establish a minimum wage and the 40-hour work-week and to abolish abuses of child labor. She also drafted the Social Security Act of 1935 and played a key role in the creation of the Civilian Conservation Corps. Perkins had to balance all this heavy lifting in Washington with difficulties in her personal life – her husband suffered from mental illness and their daughter

had to be raised largely by others.

Filmmaker Mick Caouette introduced the film and answered questions afterwards. Attendees were of course interested to know if Perkins had ever visited Greenbelt. Caouette did not know if she had, and subsequent research for this article has found no evidence of a Perkins visit. Also present was a representative of the Frances Perkins Center, which is located near the Perkins family homestead in Damariscotta, Maine, and aims to make her work and career “better known to the American people and to preserve her policy legacy.”

The film will air on Public Broadcasting Service stations next spring.



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there is still much that needs to be done.”

Prince George’s County Public Schools are welcoming an additional \$53 million from the state of Maryland for the next school year, which represents about 2.5 percent of the school system’s \$2.09 billion budget for the Fiscal Year 2020.

“The county plans to build 18 schools in seven years and five schools are already in the works,” stated Thornton.

The next Democratic Club meeting will be held on the second Friday of December instead of the third because of the holiday season.



The Loo family adopted this cute kitten from the Greenbelt Animal Shelter. Her name is Miracle and the name was given to her by the shelter.

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the new council elects the mayor and mayor pro tem. This long-standing process is somewhat reminiscent of calling a square dance and immediately makes it obvious why the old council needed to convene in an organizational meeting prior to the formal meeting.

Oath of Office

First, the outgoing mayor (Jordan) administered the oath of office to the six other newly elected councilmembers followed by a great deal of applause and whooping from the audience.

Jordan announced that the next step – and first action of the new council – would be to elect a temporary chair of the meeting to navigate until the city once again had a sworn-in mayor and mayor pro tem. Putens nominated Davis, who was promptly elected chair and asked for nominations for mayor. Roberts nominated Byrd who, with a second from Putens, was quickly elected, with even more applause and whooping from the audience. LaShawn Freeman, a sworn deputy of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, then administered the oath of office to Byrd, who in turn nominated Jordan to serve as mayor pro tem. Davis seconded that motion, and Byrd administered the oath of office to Jordan.

With everyone now duly elected and sworn in, it was time for comments from the new council. Most thanked the voters for their support and their treasurers and campaign workers, as well as City Clerk Bonita Anderson and the Board of Elections, for their work. Councilmembers also expressed their thoughts on the election and some enumerated their own goals and priorities for the next two years.

Putens thanked everyone and stressed that the upcoming two years would be a busy time for the city and council.

Mach commented on how much she enjoys door knocking and talking with residents about their concerns in the course of the campaign. She also thanked the Greenbelt News Review for providing a forum for the election.

Pope remarked on the large crowd that had turned out and said she too thrives on having opportunities for personal contact with residents. She encouraged people to contact her or stop to talk in the Co-op to share any ideas or concerns.

Roberts thanked Orleans for putting himself on the line once

again and gave a special thanks to his mother for her support. Regarding council, he said, “We all work for what is best for the city.” He said among his goals was trying to improve recreation opportunities in Greenbelt West.

Davis commented on there being more celebrities and elected officials present at the swearing-in than usual. She said she ran for office again because there is still a great deal to accomplish. Some of her goals for the next term include placing public art throughout the city, acquiring more electric charging stations, renovating the dog park, increasing replacement of street trees, maintaining Greenbelt’s historic cemeteries and working toward a complete count for the city in the upcoming census.

Jordan said a special word of thanks to the staff of the city manager’s office. He noted this would be his second tour of duty as mayor pro tem and said among his priorities were the efficient distribution of city resources, continued focus on local economic development and affordable housing.

Byrd expressed thanks to Jordan and Davis for their graciousness in welcoming him to his new position. Regarding his age, he said he intends to be the mayor for young, old and in-between. He also wants to improve council meetings, making meetings shorter and more efficient while at the same time always allowing residents to speak and be heard. He believes this can be accomplished by insisting on brevity and order.

In conclusion, Byrd introduced his parents and grandmother. He also read a reflection on his family history and the stories about and his memories of those who came before him.

Elected officials attending the meeting included: State Delegates Alonzo Washington, Wanika Fisher, Julian Ivey and Nicole Williams, State Comptroller Peter Franchot, County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, County Councilmembers Jolene Ivey and Calvin Hawkins, City Councilmembers Lincoln Lashley (New Carrollton), Shireka McCarthy (Seat Pleasant), Mayor Shawn Maldon and Councilmember Faith Ford (Capitol Heights), Vice-Mayor Jonathan Medlock (District Heights), former Councilmembers Konrad Herling and Robert Zugby (Greenbelt), Ray Sexton (Cheverly), and District 8 School Board Representative Edward Burrows, III.

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modifying formula funding for education, changing the way teachers are paid, best practices in education, curriculum development and more. Williams is also expecting to eventually bring up housing and environmental concerns.

Williams’ application packet included multiple endorsement letters, including a joint letter from Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Anne Healey and Alonzo Washington:

“We recommend her because she has been a leader in our district, county and state,” they wrote. “Nicole leads the local Democratic club as president ... When she ran for Delegate last year, she worked hard, knock-

ing on thousands of doors, raising significant campaign funds, and most importantly running an honorable campaign. Sticking to issues, she refrained from attacking other candidates.”

Williams will be sworn in on Friday, December 6 at 10 a.m. in the House Chambers at the State House in Annapolis. Once the legislative session starts on January 8 and she has an office, she plans to have an open door policy and invites her constituents to “stop by, say hello, tell me your concerns.”



Local Scholars Edit Book on Iconic Planned Communities

by Sandra A. Lange

Two Greenbelt residents, Mary Corbin Sies and Isabelle Gournay, together with their colleague Robert Freestone, are the editors of a well-researched and interesting examination of 23 planned communities worldwide. Their book entitled *Iconic Planned Communities and the Challenge of Change*, published in 2019 by the University of Pennsylvania Press, analyzes strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities of planned communities in South Africa, Japan, Brazil, Australia, Indonesia, Europe and the United States.

Sies and Gournay will present a lecture based on their book on Thursday, January 16, sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum.

Iconic communities are those whose physical, social and symbolic characteristics conform to certain tenets. An iconic community is recognizable by its planning or design features such as the Mother and Child statue or the pedestrian underpasses in Greenbelt. These signature elements often lead to historic or heritage site designation. They attract both new residents and visitors.

The book’s 23 case studies are described by individual authors who are mostly planners, architects or historians. Each author describes the intent that led to the construction of a particular planned community, tracks its evolution over the years and analyzes the challenges it faces.

The earliest planned community is New Lanark, constructed in 1785 in Scotland by a textile merchant who wanted to provide quality housing and social services for cotton mill workers. Over time, the industry declined and so did the town. More recently, private forces intervened and today New Lanark is a World Heritage site and tourist destination, preserved for its place in history as an early manufacturing town.

Perhaps one of the most interesting planned communities is Soweto, South Africa, designed by a government committee in the 1930s to ensure apartheid. Two- and three-room houses without kitchens or bathrooms were built expressly to separate the black population from the

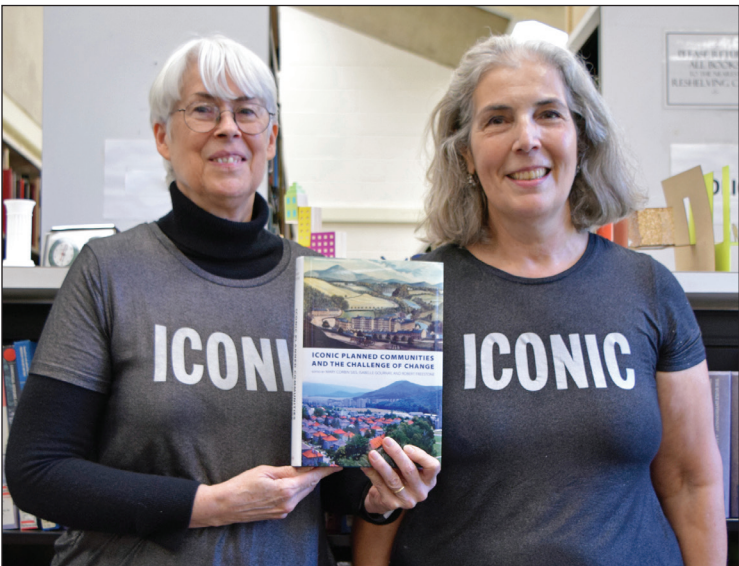


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Mary Sies, left, and Isabelle Gournay, along with Robert Freestone (not shown), have co-edited a book on *Iconic Planned Communities and the Challenge of Change*.

Europeans living in Johannesburg. It was to be a satellite garden city with low-density housing surrounded by agricultural greenbelts on land held in common by the community. Though the garden city principles formed its creation, slum housing in grossly overcrowded conditions became the reality.

Today, Soweto is undergoing social and physical changes to its infrastructure with private and state investment. Higher income earners are moving in and there is an outmigration of original residents. The culture is being preserved as tourists flock to Soweto to witness and memorialize the site of resistance to apartheid.

Sies, associate professor of American studies, and Gournay, associate professor of architecture emerita, at the University of Maryland, wrote the chapter on Greenbelt, a subject they know well by living in this iconic city as well as through their academic pursuits. They catalog the early development of successful co-ops, affordable housing, a portfolio of amenities and public services designed for a middle class community. They describe the New Deal planning principles that continue to underpin development decisions by city staff and policy makers.

Greenbelt’s citizens have fought high density development over the years. Sies and Gournay state that the combination of citi-

zen engagement, proactive elected officials and dedicated city employees are effective stewards of Greenbelt, maintaining it as a desirable place to live. Challenges include economic viability, transportation, housing affordability and an aging housing stock.

Residents of planned communities seek the good life as identified by excellent public services and abundant recreational facilities, community gardens and parks bordered by trees. From New Lanark to the more recently-built community of Seaside, Fla., planned communities are recognized by the number of communal facilities that bring people together for public events.

Challenges that these communities face include urban renewal, disinvestment and gentrification. What happens when communities designed for blue collar workers change to middle and upper income workers? What happens when the transportation system fails to efficiently link neighborhoods to urban centers?

The book offers great insight into the development and future of each community, depicting successes and failures, the efforts to oppose the building of McMansions and support existing architectural styles within the built environment. In that sense, the content is very readable. On another level, the small print makes the book harder to enjoy given its textbook size.

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Greenbelt Museum Director On How to Manage a Museum

by Megan Searing Young

This article was first published as a blog post on the Greenbelt Museum's website and was addressed to those whose job it is to manage a Museum.

We give tours to dozens of college students each year. Most of them come primarily to learn about Greenbelt history, but some of my favorite groups are here not just to learn about the history but also to learn about working in museums and historic sites and what makes some successful and others less so. These discussions go in many different directions, but I always eventually end up getting to what I call the Three R's: Responsibility, Relevance and Revenue.

We have an essential responsibility when we work in museums to share the stories of the communities we serve as honestly as possible, including as many

voices as possible, and attempting to assist the community in identifying what is important to them. History is not static: it is constantly shifting and changing depending on who controls the narrative. Ask the difficult questions.

Remaining relevant to the community you serve is also important. Share authority. Listen. What questions come up most frequently at programs and events? What kind of content are people looking for? Don't be afraid to take risks. Be creative – call that new program, event or activity a "pilot." If it's a dud, move on. If you can't figure out what people care about and are interested in where you're located – why would those people visit your site or sign up for your newsletter? Does your community have an historic core?

Don't forget to look beyond it. Be inclusive.

Last, but not least: Revenue. Figuring out ways to make money, whether through donations, tickets, memberships, shop sales, etc., is one of the most important things you'll do. I learned this early on in my career as I watched a museum I worked for close due to lack of funds. You must have revenue to support the first two R's. Don't be shy in speaking about money and the very real costs of running a museum, paying for programs and maintaining collections. Educate your audience. Explain what things cost.

I just wanted to give you all a bit of insight into our thinking here at the Greenbelt Museum and hope that you can use these Three Rs at your own museum or organization.

City Council Meeting Was Mostly About Transportation

by Diane Oberg

At its last meeting before the election, the Greenbelt City Council was in a communicating mode. Council approved comments on the state's proposed transportation program, issued several proclamations and commented upon the proposed county animal control ordinance.

Transportation

Council unanimously approved a draft letter to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation regarding the draft Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) for fiscal years 2020 – 2025. Several projects of interest to Greenbelt are not funded while several projects the city opposes are funded. The city opposed the defunding of a full interchange at the intersection of the Capital Beltway and the Greenbelt Metro Station. Currently, only traffic to and from the west can use that exit. The full interchange had been funded when it was thought that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) headquarters and a mixed-use development might be located on the Metro Station property served by the expanded exit. The FBI selection process was terminated, however, and funding has been removed from the project. The city argues that if the state, county and city are to succeed in attracting a large tenant, a full interchange is essential.

Second, the city opposed funding to widen I-270 and the Capital Beltway (\$139.6 million) as well as the Superconducting Maglev project (\$34.7 million for planning activities).

Finally, the city opposed the project, included but not funded

in the CTP, to study capacity improvements on MD-201 Extended (Edmonston Road)/US 1 (Baltimore Avenue) from I-95 to north of Muirkirk Road. The city's letter states that the project will have significant environmental impacts on wetlands north of the city as well as on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, calling the land "one of the last remaining gems of uninterrupted open space in this urbanized region."

The city supported several other projects in the draft, including capital funding for the Purple Line, investment in the Metrorail system and for locally operated transit systems through the county's local bus program, funding for the U.S. 1, Baltimore Avenue reconstruction project and the allocation of funding for bicycle and pedestrian related projects.

Animal Control

A proposed county bill would remove the ban on pit bulls in the county. (Greenbelt does not have such a ban.) Council supported the removal of that ban but asked that a ban on "dangerous animals" take its place.

Proclamations

Mayor Emmett Jordan presented proclamations announcing the city's support and recognition of nonprofits during the week of October 28, and recognizing November as Municipal Government month.

Jordan also proclaimed October 24 to 31 as Bat Week in Greenbelt and commended Girl Scout troops 23007 and 27 on the bat education and conservation projects that they recently completed.

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gifts were well received. Over the past six months, soil inspections around the campus were made to ensure that the trees would have the nutrients to thrive. Carol Herwig, an arborist for the NCBF, also took into account the public visibility that the trees would have. With the trees positioned along the entryway and overlooking the Greenbelt Road and Frankfort Street intersection, it is her hope that they will serve as a greeting come spring.

For PGCPs staff, the event held great significance. Maria Flores, supervisor for Prince George's County World Language program, emphasized the rarity of 30-year cultural exchange programs, as they require a lot of time and commitment to be sustained. Dr. Sylvester Conyers, the supervisor for environmental education, reminded students that the gift is also symbolic of the global responsibility we have to care for our shared environment. Tetsuya Ogawa, Japanese language teacher for ERHS and the 2016 Prince George's County World Language Teacher of the Year connected these sentiments, as ERHS intends to look after these trees for a long time. He also hopes to see his students take care of the cultural exchange program for another 30 years.



Tiffany Song plays the koto at a celebration of cherry trees and Japanese culture at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on November 13.

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A group of level 3 Japanese students sing "Sakura, Sakura" at the cherry tree celebration.



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The Collins family visit former Greenbelters David and Slávka Carvalho, who moved back to Aveiro, Portugal.



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Ginny Jones holds a copy of the Greenbelt News Review at Shenandoah National Park.



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Kathy Labukas stands in front of Neptune's fountain in Berlin in September, 2019, after bike riding 250 miles from Dresden with two friends. After the ride Kathy visited family in Lithuania.



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Seagulls in flight over the pond at the corner of Ora Glen and Hanover Parkway



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Ginsburg Joins Paradyme As Chief Operating Officer

Paradyme Management Inc., a Greenbelt-based technology leader in delivering advanced data solutions to federal customers, announced that Jack Ginsburg has joined the company as chief operating officer. Ginsburg is a recognized government industry leader who most recently served as vice president of growth at General Dynamics Information Technology (GDIT).

Ginsburg brings more than 35 years of experience as an executive leader in the govern-

ment technology industry. Prior to GDIT, he led Serco's business development for government and commercial markets for North America for over six years and previously held senior executive roles with Daon, MAXIMUS, Bull Information Systems and Honeywell. Ginsburg was recognized earlier this year as one of WashingtonExec's Top 10 Civilian Execs to Watch.

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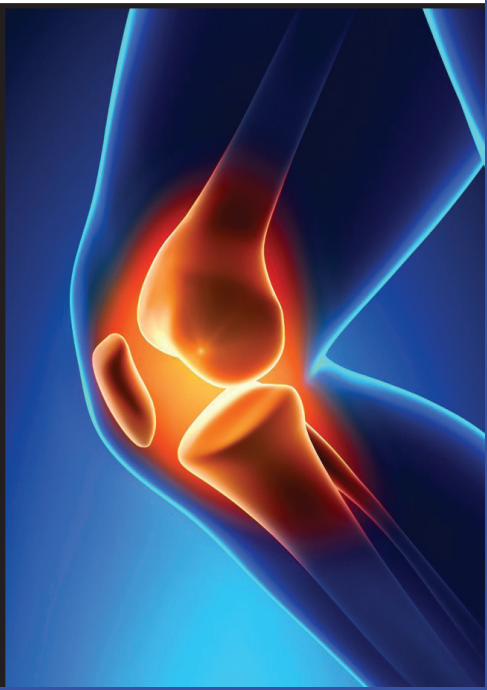
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Theft

November 11, 12:12 p.m., 8000 block Lakecrest Drive. A man approached a person and asked to use their cellphone. After obtaining it, the man fled on foot.
November 12, 4:55 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A cell phone was taken from a counter at Charbroiled Chicken and Grill restaurant.

Trespassing

November 13, 10:30 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A 19-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespassing after he was found on the grounds of Franklin Park apartments after having been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Credit Card Offense

November 12, 1:21 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 14-year-old nonresident was arrested for a credit card offense after she attempted to use a credit card she found to pay a food tab at the Hook and Reel restaurant. She was released to her school pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Vehicle Crime

A 2016 Honda Civic reported stolen October 23 from the 7400 block Greenbelt Road was recovered November 12 by Anne Arundel County Police in the 2600 block Brandermill Boulevard in Gambrills.
A catalytic converter was taken from the undercarriage of a vehicle in the 8100 block Mandan Road, driver's side airbags were taken from two vehicles in the 8000 block Greenbelt Station Parkway and Maryland front tag (FM0671) was taken in 20 Court Southway.

Multiple windows were broken throughout the city, mostly in Greenbelt East, where five were broken in the 7500 block Greenbelt Road. Items taken throughout the city after windows had been broken include cash, eyeglasses, air pods, clothes, shoes, other footwear, tools and a cellphone.
Five vehicles in the 7700 block Greenbrook Drive were ransacked but nothing appeared to have been taken. Windows were broken in more than 15 vehicles in order to gain entry.

Police to Conduct Sobriety Checkpoint

One of the deadliest nights for motorists is the night before Thanksgiving, due to drunk drivers and unbuckled motorists. A sobriety checkpoint will therefore be held in Greenbelt on Wednesday, November 27 as part

of the Checkpoint Strike Force campaign. Greenbelt police will look for impaired and unbuckled drivers to remind them of the consequences. Wearing a seatbelt is a person's best defense against an impaired driver. Motorists who come through the checkpoint unbelted will be reminded to buckle up.

Under this initiative, law enforcement agencies in those jurisdictions have committed to conducting sobriety checkpoints throughout the region. The objectives of the campaign are to both deter motorists from driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol and to identify and arrest those who ignore the dangers of getting behind the wheel impaired.

This initiative is funded by the Maryland Department of Transportation. For further information contact MPO Scott Yankowy at 240-542-2114.

Vehicle Break-ins On the Increase

Greenbelt police have issued a citizen's advisory alerting residents about the increase in thefts from vehicles throughout the area, including Greenbelt, where there has been a rash of break-ins in Greenbelt East. There are certain things that police recommend be done to decrease the chance of incurring a loss.
Specifically, never store keys inside the vehicle, keep it locked and remove valuables. Park in a well-lit area, if possible in a driveway or garage. Use an anti-theft device such as a club. Be watchful of suspicious activity or vehicles and report any to the police.

Attempt to Identify

The Greenbelt Police Department is seeking assistance in locating the vehicle involved in a serious pedestrian injury hit-and-run accident.
The accident occurred on Tuesday, November 12, at 6:58 a.m. on Breezewood Drive near Cherrywood Terrace, between Beltway Plaza and the Franklin Park apartment complex. A 37-year-old man, was transported to the University of Maryland Prince George's Hospital Center for treatment of serious non-life threatening injuries. The only description given is for a small green passenger car.
If anyone has any information on the vehicle or witnessed the collision, contact Sgt. S. Kaiser of the Greenbelt Police Department Collision Analysis Reconstruction Unit at 301-474-7200 or at skaiser@greenbeltmd.gov.

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Master Police Officer (MPO) Carlos Torres has been named the Greenbelt Police Department Officer for the Quarter, July to September 2019. Congratulations to him and Officer Rakibur Rahman, who was promoted to Police Officer First Class (PFC).
Over the last quarter, while Torres has maintained his responsibilities as Franklin Park Community Officer, he has also participated in several departmental programs. He is described as a vital link between the department and community management to help solve issues in Franklin Park. Torres has created a level of trust with residents, which is vital for effective cooperation.
Early in this quarter, Torres served as acting patrol corporal on Squad 3, midnight shift, when unexpected circumstances occurred. He quickly changed his schedule and was eager to assist in this role.

Torres coordinated the largest Greenbelt National Night Out with cooperation from Franklin Park, Beltway Plaza and other community members. National Night Out has become an annual staple in the community and results in hundreds of residents coming together for food, fun and positive interactions with the community.
He also participated in the Schools Open Drive Safely campaign, and had the highest number of citizen contacts. He focused his efforts during this two-week period on having positive interactions with students and their safety.
Torres also participated in the National Walk to School day, when he again helped build connections with elementary school students in both Franklin Park and Old Greenbelt.



Pictured from left, are Police Chief Richard Bowers, Officer Rakibur Rahman, who was promoted to Police Officer First Class (PFC), Carlos Torres holding his Greenbelt Police Department Officer for the Quarter award and Police Captain Tim White. The presentation took place at the Annual Public Safety Awards Program at American Legion Post 136.



Police Chief Richard Bowers and Master Police Officer Rob Defibaugh, left, show off the award Defibaugh received for Greenbelt Police Department's Officer of the Year.



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Administrative Coordinator Dana Hill holds her award for Greenbelt Police Department's Civilian Employee of the Year presented by Greenbelt Police Chief Richard Bowers.

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Sports

Top-notch Raiders Volleyball Team Prevails in Region but Unable to Take State

by Scott Fifield

After an amazing win over number one seed Bowie Bulldogs on November 6 to win the region for the third straight year, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Raiders lost at home on November 8 in the 4A volleyball state quarterfinals to Churchill 25-20, 25-16, 25-16.

Every set in the Bowie match was close. The Raiders won the first two sets by four and two points. The Bulldogs rebounded to win the third and fourth sets by two and four points. The Raiders prevailed in the fifth set 15-9 to defeat Bowie for the seventh straight time in three years and take the regional championship.

The Raiders went into the Churchill match feeling confident that they could win and return to the Ritchie Coliseum for the state finals. It felt like the match turned in the first set. ERHS led 18-14 when Churchill's Colette Youstra's tough float serve led to nine straight points. It wasn't as if the Raiders had controlled the first set – both teams had been inconsistent to that point – but the team could see its way to winning the set until that run inspired Churchill to play better.

Volleyball is a game of momentum and Churchill had grabbed it. ERHS is not a particularly tall team (the tallest player is 5'10") and the Raiders struggled throughout the match with Churchill's height.

Jourdan Page led the Raiders with only five kills – the team only had nine total kills for the match. By comparison, Page had 13 kills herself in the Bowie match. And Roosevelt had only four aces as a team against Churchill – an aspect of offense that the team relied on all season when the hitting stagnated. Libero Nyla Howell racked up an impressive 11 digs but Roosevelt countered that with 13 serve-receive errors, many of which came during the 9-point run in the first set.

It was a disappointing end to the season since the Raiders thought Churchill was an opponent that they could beat. This was Churchill's first trip to Ritchie Coliseum. ERHS finishes 16-5 and is proud of winning the county's Brown Division (with



PHOTO BY DONNA MOERSCHHELL

The ERHS Volleyball team celebrates after winning the region championship. Front row from left, Arianna Pankey, Kira Blandford, Kendal Howell, Noemi Joachim; standing from left, Indy Ceballos Ramos, Tiola Adelekan, Alanis Alejandro, Cynthia Hopes, Jourdan Page, Nyla Howell, Kennedy Joseph, Leilani Saoifanua, JV Coach DeVon Caldwell-Brown, Trainer Kelsey Langham, Varsity Coach Scott Fifield

a 7-0 record) and winning the region with the win over Bowie. Only four seniors will graduate but Page is one of them and she will obviously be hard to replace – having led the team with 168 kills for the season while the second-highest total was 53.

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New Deal Friends Sponsor Two Art Shows: Community & Woods

by Melissa Sites

The Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) is currently sponsoring two art shows at the Café, with the front room featuring 16 works by different artists on the theme of community, and the back room with a special show of the work of stick artist and hero of the Greenbelt woods, Paul Downs. FONDCA sponsored a reception for the artists on Sunday, November 17.

During the reception, Charles Murdock provided jazz on the piano, while in the front room, Mike McMullin led a collaborative community painting. A piece of wood cut into the shape of a steaming cup of coffee represents the community to be found at the Café. Participants were instructed to paint their ideas about music onto the shape. Two artists from Baltimore were drawn to take part in the community painting. Tristan Heles explained, “My friend Scott Frias and I also do collaborative paintings and we had to come down and view his work. I was here earlier in the summer for the Crazy Quilt festival. The community around here is amazing.”

Paul Downs

Paul Downs gave a short speech from prepared notes, thanking organizer Christine Wilkin and FONDCA “for keeping the artistic wheels turning here in our precious New Deal, and Michael and Leah for providing excellent cuisine in a welcoming atmosphere.” Downs described how as a child he spent many seasons in the woods building forts and little altars, lining the floors with pine needles, blue jay feathers, animal skulls and red-tailed hawk feathers, “praising and giving homage to the woods.” He recounted how in 1987 the woods were threatened by a 100-acre townhouse development, and how he was part of the community that waged a 17-year effort to save the woods. His time spent in the woods began to transform the way he saw form and color, until key people, including his partner Susan, nudged him to develop his art, and then McMullin scheduled him for an art show. “I had a lot of work to do and fast!” he said of his first show. The current show features dancers, fairies, structures, owls, a hedgehog, a squirrel, a fox, and many of the different creatures that can be found in Greenbelt’s woods.

Lydia Peters

Lydia Peters, who teaches art at Rockledge Elementary in Bowie, has three large paintings in the front room that reflect her heritage and her native country of Trinidad and Tobago. Harmony is

a beautiful black and white feminine shape, deriving from a traditional Caribbean masquerade or Carnival costume. A large painting of Africa is titled I’ll Cry For You, communicating that Mother Africa cries for the hardships faced by her people. Her third piece, Stick Fight at Canboulay uses elements from reenactments of the Trinidadian people’s rebellions. Canboulay is a Trinidadian harvest festival preceding Carnival; the word derives from the French term cannes brulées, referring to burning the sugar cane fields after harvest. Canboulay is celebrated with drums, dancing, stick fighting, and steel pan music. Peters explained, “In Trinidad we kept everything and we turned it into entertainment because we are a peaceful people.” Her painting depicts a woman whose skirt is a drum, with stick fighters in her afro. While some background knowledge may help, Peters believes that the viewer should be free to interpret what is communicated by the art.

Jan Garland

Jan Garland is a prolific Greenbelt artist who uses recycled materials in her collage work. Her piece, Time in Town, made with tissue paper, signifies “our little town and the warmth of little towns. People know each other when they go places; you go into the grocery store and run into people you know.” In her collage of tissue paper and wrapping paper entitled, Medley of Friends, she depicts “an assortment of people of different races and ages coming together, like we do at the New Deal.” Her piece, Greenbelt is Great, is also made of tissue paper and acrylic on a reused frame. Garland stated, “I like to use recycled materials. A lot of times I’ll use plastic bags. I’ll find a framed piece from a thrift store and put a layer of paint over the surface and then make new art on top.”

Lona Carlson-Powell

Lona Carlson-Powell’s oil painting, The Red Bicycle, represents the positive community value of being able to get around town easily on a bicycle. Although the painting looks like it could represent a familiar Greenbelt scene with its giant old tree, green lawn and white buildings, it was actually painted at Trinity College, Dublin, where the artist went to see the Book of Kells. She stated, “I love that red bike – It just makes you want to get on it and ride away.”

Alicia Deligianis

Alicia Deligianis, a volunteer bartender at the New Deal, is a creative person who also writes poetry and is a classically trained

singer. In her painting, Greenbelters Commune With the Green, a group of figures dance around a tree while holding hands. The tree limbs spell out the word community, and the roots incorporate the Chinese character for community. Deligianis stated, “It used to be when I did art when I was younger, I would criticize it too much. So now I just feel like I am expressing myself. In Greenbelt people find out and encourage you and that’s how it happens that so many Greenbelters become artists.”

Other artists contributing pieces about community include Margaret Boles, Denise Brown, Jeff Fox, Melissa Sites and Elizabeth Stuart. The show will remain up until January 6, 2020.

- Photos by Melissa Sites



Mike McMullin's community painting project



Jan Garland with her collage Time in Town



Stick Fight at Canboulay by Lydia Peters

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